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For : DEVICE FOR FINELY CUTTING  
WORKPIECES FROM A MATERIAL

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patent & Trademark  
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Dear Sir:

In the above-identified application for United States patent,  
please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Attached please find a clean and marked up copies of  
amendments to the specification including a new Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Attached hereto are claim amendments for claims 3, 5, 6 and 8,  
as well as a clean copy of these claims as amended.

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Headings and an Abstract have been added to the specification

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and amendments have been made to the claims to remove the multiple dependencies in order to conform with U.S. practice. An early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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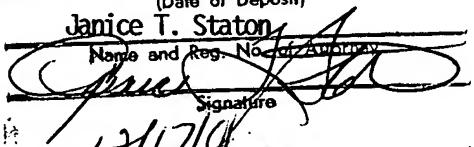
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